

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are the only claims pending.

Claim 1 is currently amended to include the limitations of claim 6; thus, claim 6 is cancelled.

Claims 1, 22 and 23 are currently amended to correct errors in spelling.

Claims 5 and 9 are currently amended to correct punctuation.

Claim 23 is currently amended to correct the structure in formula (7).

Claim 10 is currently amended to correct dependency.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5, 7-23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are presented for reconsideration.

Information Disclosure Statement

The foreign reference 1046391 (Europe, 10/00) was not available to the Examiner to be reviewed. Submitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with the aforementioned foreign reference. The Examiner is kindly requested receipt and consideration of this reference by returning an initialed copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Claim Objections – Formal Reasons

Claim 5 is objected to because the claim does not end with a period. Claim 5 is currently amended to correct punctuation.

Claim 22 is objected to because of the term “dehydratisating”. Claim 22 is currently amended to correct spelling. The term “dehydratisating” is changed to “dehydrating”.

Claim 23 is objected to because the structure of formula (7) does not have a nitrogen atom between R1 and R2. Claim 23 is currently amended to correct this error. Support for this amendment is found in Instant Example 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102 (b)

Claims 1-5, 26, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Habeck et al. (US 6,409,995).

Claim 1 is currently amended to include the limitations of claim 6; thus, claim 6 is cancelled. Accordingly, there is a clear line of demarcation between the amended claims and US 6,409,995.

The present 35 USC 102(b) first paragraph rejection is addressed and is overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present objections and rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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